

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim + 21, characterized in that the seating ~~and/or reclining~~ surface (2) has a circumferential contour (30, 31, 32) that is both concave and convex.
3. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim + 21, characterized in that the support rest includes at least one back rest ~~or arm~~ that can be positioned along the entire circumference of the seating ~~and/or reclining~~ surface.
4. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim + 21, characterized in that it ~~has there are two support rests comprising~~ two separately positional back rests (3, 4) ~~or arm rests~~.
5. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim + 21, characterized in that the support rest comprises at least one back rest (3, 4) ~~or arm rest~~ that is formed from separate rigid parts (20) which are connected together in an articulated fashion by hinges (15) in the adjustment direction and they each form an element (10) covered with ~~the respective~~ upholstery, whereby the at least one back rest (3, 4) ~~or arm rest~~ is formed [in particular] by five or seven elements (10).
6. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim + 21, characterized in that the support rest includes at least one back rest (3, 4) ~~or arm rest~~ that partially covers the seating ~~and/or reclining~~ surface (2).
7. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim + 21, characterized in that the support rest includes at least one back rest (3, 4) ~~or arm rest~~ that covers the circumferential surface (5) of the seating ~~and/or reclining~~ surface, ~~in particular completely~~.
8. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim + 21, characterized in that the control means (12, 16, 18) are arranged essentially below the seating surface.
9. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim + 21, characterized in that the control means also support the back rest (3, 4) ~~or arm rest~~ and support it against the forces that occur when ~~someone~~ the user leans against it.
10. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim + 21, characterized in that the control means include a rail (12) which determines the desired shape of bending of the back rest

(3, 4) ~~or arm rest~~.

11. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 10, characterized in that the rail (12) has essentially the same contour as the circumferential contour of the side face and ~~in particular~~ is a self-contained rail.

12. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 10, characterized in that the rail is part of the understructure of the seating and/or reclining surface and ~~in particular~~ forms the base of the furniture with struts (13).

13. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 12, characterized in that the control means comprise multiple carriages (16) which can be moved by sliding or rolling on a rail (12) for each support rest ~~back rest or arm rest~~, these carriages being attached to different elements (10) of the back rest ~~or arm rest~~.

14. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 13, characterized in that the carriages include on both sides of the rail and above the rail, plastic sliding parts (18) in contact with the rail and ~~in particular~~ another sliding plastic part (19) which reaches beneath the rail.

15. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that the support rest comprises at least one back rest ~~or arm rest~~ that can be positioned selectively along the ~~entire~~ circumference of the seating ~~and/or reclining~~ surface.

16. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that ~~it has~~ there are two support rests comprising two separately positional back rests (3, 4) ~~or arm rests~~.

17. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that the support rest comprises at least one back rest (3, 4) ~~or arm rest~~ is formed from separate rigid parts (20) which are connected together in an articulated fashion by hinges (15) in the adjustment direction and they each form an element (10) with ~~the respective~~ upholstery, whereby the at least one back rest (3, 4) ~~or arm rest~~ is formed ~~in particular~~ by at least five ~~or seven~~ elements (10).

18. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that the support rest includes at least one back rest (3, 4) ~~or arm rest~~ partially covers the seating ~~and/or reclining~~ surface (2).

19. (Currently Amended) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that the support rest includes at least one back rest (3, 4) ~~or arm rest~~ that covers the circumferential

surface (5) of the seating ~~and/or reclining surface, in particular~~ completely.

20. (Previously Presented) Furniture according to Claim 2, characterized in that the control means (12, 16, 18) are arranged essentially below the seating surface.

21. (New) Furniture (1) having a seating surface (2) and at least one support rest (3, 4) connected to the former and adjustable with respect to the seating surface such that it can be positioned in various circumferential areas of the seating surface, characterized in that at least one support rest (3, 4) is formed from a plurality of elements (10) that are connected in an articulated fashion and that are flexible in the direction of adjustment along an adjustment path and control means (12, 16, 18) for causing the elements to bend along the adjustment path such that the support rest adapts itself essentially to the circumferential contour of the seating surface (2) along at least a part of the adjustment path.